

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method of delivering a copy of a Session Initiation Protocol, SIP, message to each of a plurality of terminals in a multimedia communication system, the method comprising:

receiving the message at a first SIP exploder;
grouping destination addresses defined for the SIP message according to their network domains; and

for each group of destination addresses corresponding to a domain associated with a further SIP exploder, forwarding a single copy of the message to that exploder, the message containing all of the destination addresses of the group.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein a destination address is the address of a terminal user or an identification of a list of terminal users and/or other lists.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the SIP exploder is an application server which receives and sends SIP messages via a SIP proxy server, the SIP proxy server selectively forwarding SIP messages to the exploder according to some pre-defined rule set.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 and comprising, for each destination address identifying a list associated with the same network domain as the first

exploder, determining the terminal user destination addresses of the list and delivering the message individually to these addresses and to other user terminal destination addresses in the same domain.

5-8. Canceled.

9. (Original) A Session Initiation Protocol Application Server for use in a multimedia communication system, the AS comprising:
means coupled to an input for receiving a SIP message;
means for grouping destination addresses defined for the SIP message according to their network domains; and
means coupled to an output and arranged, for each group of destination addresses corresponding to a domain associated with a further SIP exploder, to forward a single copy of the message to that exploder, the message containing all of the destination addresses of the group.

10-12. Canceled.

13. (New) A Session Initiation Protocol Application Server for use in a multimedia communication system, the AS comprising electronic circuitry configured to:
receive a SIP message;
group destination addresses defined for the SIP message according to their network domains; and

forward, for each group of destination addresses corresponding to a domain associated with a further SIP exploder, a single copy of the message to that exploder, the message containing all of the destination addresses of the group.